

Project Licence Abstracts

Aide Memoir

The primary purpose

To inform the general public in clear unambiguous terms what the proposed work involves, why there is a need to do this work, what are the benefits and what are the potential costs.

Guidance

- **Do** make sure the abstract is written so that the average family, parents with teenage children, should be able to understand what it is proposed to do
- **Do** include the major points in the first few sentences to show the scope of the proposal in the first paragraph
- **Do** ensure the benefits that will come out of the study are clearly explained
- **Do** explain clearly why animals are being used and not any other form of study. i.e. non animal studies or computer modelling
- **Do** clearly explain what is being done to reduce any potential suffering of the animals
- **Do** use a confident tone in the abstract
- **Don't** use scientific jargon or terminology. e.g. use under the skin rather than subcutaneous
- **Don't** use words that can have a double meaning or association. e.g. use the word "medicine" rather than "drug"
- **Don't** take anything for granted, just because you know, don't assume everyone else does
- **Don't** interchange words, e.g. prion, protein, gene or non-human primates, cynos and macaques, marmoset
- **Don't** exaggerate or underplay

DO get someone else to read the abstract before publication